(*b*) what are the repercussions of the Federal Court decision in Cochin ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) The wording of the rule is the same.

(*b*) Adequate legislative action has been taken to cure the defect pointed out by the Federal Court.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With regard to answer (*b*) may I know the nature of the adequate legislative action that has been taken to cure the defect ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We have issued Proclamation XX of 1118.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether it is not also of the same kind as the validating ordinance issued by His Excellency the Governor General.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I may point out to the Hon'ble Members that the whole of the validating order does not form part of the Proclamation. The Hon'ble Members will find that in British India the power to make a rule is derived from the Act itself but here the Proclamation issued by His Highness the Maharaja makes the Defence Act and the rules with all the amendments hitherto made and yet to be made applicable to the State *mutatis mutandis*. Therefore in this State, so far as these rules are concerned, the power is not derived from the Act but it is derived by virtue of the Proclamation itself. Anyway to clear all doubts, this Proclamation was issued with regard to the previous detention orders passed by the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: So with that improved Proclamation of our Government any person may be trapped in prison of course on the apprehension of the Government. Who is the authority to pass such orders? Is it the Government or is there any body else ?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate General)*: It is the Government of Cochin. The power has not been delegated to anybody. (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know in cases of prosecutions under the Defence of India rules, whether in the investigation stage any legal opinion is brought to bear before persons are sent to courts ?

Mr. President: This does not arise from this question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In working the Defence of India Rules, I would like to know whether in case of prosecutions under these rules independent legal opinion of Government officers is taken before persons are sent to Courts.

Mr. President: This does not refer to prosecutions. It is only about detention.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: When action is taken, the Government can always detain. That is a different matter. When persons are sent into' courts and before that in the investigation stage I want to know whether any legal opinion is taken.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, it is not relevant.

Mr. President: I rule it not relevant.

INDUSTRIALISATION—SCHEMES FOR

93. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to State.—

(*a*) whether Government have noted the various and varied activities of the sister State of Travancore in the field of industrialisation;

(*b*) whether Government have tried to profit by the example of Travancore, if so, in what directions ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(a) Yes.

(*b*) In the matter of industrialisation Government have been trying to profit by examples as also by independent investigation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I may be permitted to put Question 94 also.

94. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have any policy or programme for the industrialisation of the State;

(*b*) if so, what is that policy?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

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(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *i.* To investigate possibilities and whenever found feasible to give encouragement for private parties to take them up. Plywood Factory is an instance in point. Mineral resources are being investigated.

ii. To give financial help to established industries for further expansion.

iii. To organise existing industries and artisans.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, in the first category, *i.e.*, investigation of possibilities what are the achievments of Government of Cochin?

Mr. C. J.Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government are investigating at present the possibility of starting a glass factory. The Geologist has come across a kind of yellow sand at Kottapuram side, which can be used for the purpose of manufacturing glass. Government have sent the sand to Cawnpore and the technologists are examining it. The results are awaited. Then again, we are examining the mineral deposits in the coastal regions. The Geologist has also come across the deposits of white clay, which can be used for making good earthen weares.

Mr. President: It is not exactly white clay. It is a sort of mineral sand. The geologist is already investigating the possibilities of this mineral sand. He will also be examining the white clay. Samples have been sent to the Government of India also. Now a geologist is working full time and examining the geological possibilities of the State. I may also add that so far as the question of industrialisation is concerned Government would like to encourage private enterprise for example, I think, I mentioned in my budget speech that we are going to have a large scale chemical and pharamaceutical works. It has already published its prospectus but under the Defence of India rules the sanction of the Government of India is also required for any investment outside the State and sanction has been applied for and it is still pending with the Government of India. So an important factory will be started in the near future.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* On a point of information, Sir, whether in the over-enthusiasm to help industries, the Government are going to hand over the Tramway workshop to some private firm?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That has not been decided.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Any proposal?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is a proposal to hand it over to a mechanical engineering firm. We have not yet decided anything upon it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any private offer or any private individual to take it up?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, there is.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government pleased to consult this House before handing over the Tramway workshop to private hands?

Mr. President: We are now only in the preliminary stage of the matter. The main issue has not been gone into. Government realise there may be difficulties. We have to consult the Forest Department and the Tramway Engineer before anything final is done.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* As a helpful part of the industrialisation of the State, may I know whether Government have any idea to take the Peringalkuthu electric scheme.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Not during the present war.

Mr. President: I may mention and you may probably remember that in my last budget speech I stated that Sir Henry Howard who is the leading expert in India on electric matters paid a special visit to the State and sent in a report. He advised against taking up that scheme for some time to come. The reasons were that we have got a promise of power from Travancore which would be enough for our purposes for some time to come apart from that it would not be possible now to get the equipment apart from its unique cost. After the war, the question will certainly be considered when the time comes, that is to say, when Pallivasal power proves to be insufficient, and I anticipate that that time will not come for a good many years yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I point out, that this question of Peringalkuthu electric scheme is as old as the time of Sir Bhore's time as the Diwan of Cochin and we have spent a substantial amount as much Rs. 84,027 for investigations which remains as investigations still. These facts I have gleaned out from the old Legislative Council Proceedings and we are so many years this side. The report that is mentioned by the Hon'ble President is to the effect that it will cost Rs. 68·5 lakhs. If it is due to want of funds that this is not

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undertaken, then the position of the Government will be bad. Now the only position the Government can take because of the war conditions is that it will not be possible to take up the matter immediately.

Mr. President : It is not a question of war conditions alone that would cause difficulty. We have got power coming from the Travancore Pallivasal scheme and later we will be able to get more power than we will be able to use up from Pallivasal. It is only when Pallivasal power shows signs of being insufficient for the needs of the State that we will have to consider the question of taking up our own scheme.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* Is the Government aware that the Pallivasal scheme is rapidly to be expanded ?

Mr. President : Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi) :* With regard to the Tramway workshop we are told some negotiations are going on. May I know who has offered to take it up ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Standard Furniture Co., Kallai.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi) :* It was also stated that some geologist is working now. May I know who is that ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* Mr. Sudhakara Menon.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether the Government have considered the question of the possibilities of the Cashew mango juice ? Will you kindly investigate that ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There is popular belief that this cashew juice will give us good whisky.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam) :* It was tried in Chowghat and it was found to be bad.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters) :* You can get plenty of sugar from it. Will Government go into the question.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We will try.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* As the second activity it is stated that private enterprises are being encouraged. The Plywood factory is cited as an instance. May I know whether there are any more instances of encouragement for private enterprise ?

Mr. President : I have already mentioned that there is a proposal for the floatation of a large company for chemical and pharmaceutical works and it is pending sanction of the Government of India I do not know when it will come into operation. We have also negotiated regarding arrangements for the manufacture of buttons on a large scale. There is also this question of starting an Engineeringworkshop on a fairly large scale. That also is being examined.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* With regard to (*b*) iii what all have been done by the Government ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* Cottage industries are being organised and financed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why we should get the sanction of the Government of India to float a company in the Cochin State ?

Mr. President : In order to enable the shareholders to subscribe the share capital.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi) :* If the share is confined to the State is it necessary to obtain the sanction of the Government of India ?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General) :* It is just to attract shareholders from British India. Unless the Government of India sanctions the starting of this Company the Britishers living there cannot take shares. It is an offence also. The sanction of the Government of India is also proposed to be obtained by the proposed directors.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur) :* Who are the persons who mooted the idea to the Government of starting pharmaceutical works ?

Mr. President : Mr. A. K. Menon who was formerly the Soap Expert of the Government of Madras. He is a Cochinite.

Mr. V. K .Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur) :* It is not a question of Cochinite.

95. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) are the Cochin Tanneries now working; if not what has been done with it;
(*b*) what is the Government investment in the same;
(*c*) how much have the public invested in the concern ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* (*a*) The Cochin Tanneries is not working now. A portion of the site has been leased to Messrs. The Standard Furniture Co., Ltd.,

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Kallai, for starting a Plywood Factory and the Plywood Factory has been started and is working now. The machineries have all been sold for Rs. 38,000 in all. At present there is a proposal to lease the remaining portion of the site also to the Standard Furniture Co., Ltd., for starting an Engineering Workshop or Chemical Industry. At present a reed mat industry is being conducted in the main factory building. A Fair Price Shop is also being conducted in this building ;

(*b*) Shares to the value of Rs. 1,20,000 and loans to the extent of a lakh and odd Rupees;

(*c*) The share capital of the concern was 4,00,000 out of which the balance after deducting Government investment of Rs. 1,20,000 is the investment of the public, *i. e.*, 2,80,000.

Mr. President : There is a proposal that the Cochin Tanneries should be reserved for the new Chemical and Pharamacetuical works.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam) :* Is there not also a proposal to hand over the Tramway to this Engineering workshop ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* That question has not been decided.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* How much money did the Government lose in the Cochin Tanneries or how much have they realised ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* The amount for which the court sold it was for Rs. 1,25,000 and the Government purchased the properties of the Tanneries for Rs. 1,25,000 and they recently sold the machinery and realised Rs. 38,000.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda) :* To whom was the machinery sold ; was it to this firm ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* It was sold to a Bombay firm.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* Was there any Government member in the Board of Directors in Cochin Tanneries.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* There was a Government member. The Comptroller of Finance and Accounts was a Director.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* From the beginning to the end I was on the Board.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government) :* It is a matter which was closed 12 to 14 years ago.

Mr. President : So the member knows some ancient history.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* What I want to point out is that both in the Tanneries and in the Potteries, have the Government realised that their attempts have been attended with great financial losses.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to carry on any industry after investigating its possibilities or to leave it to private parties after investigating ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* When private parties come forward, they will be given all facilities and encouragement by the Government. Government may also start their own Industries.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* Has any Industry which the Government have taken up resulted in profit to Government ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government) :* None.

Mr. President : The General policy would be to encourage private enterprise. There may be occasional cases where it is desirable for Government to start an Industry.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* In such undertakings it has been the experience that for the past thirty years Government have always failed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* Let the Government policy be not only to help the industries and to start major industries directly by Government as they ended in failures. The causes of failure of the particular industries undertaken by the Government will have to be investigated. The failures were mainly due to the associations of various kind of elements in the working. I know the history of the Tanneries and the Potteries and I request that these failures shall not stand in the way of industrialisation being taken up by the Government direct. Laying down a policy as stated by the Hon'ble Member for Mattancheri will be dangerous.

Mr. President: There is no fixed policy.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : With regard to this question may I suggest that private parties will be able to carry on where Government failed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I know the terms under which a portion of the site has been leased to Messrs. Standard Furniture Company?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Governmnt)*: About 10 acres of land have been leased out for 25 years for starting a plywood factory on a rent of Rs. 600 for the first five years, Rs. 750 for the next five years and the amount that would be mutually agreed to by the Government and the Company for the next 15 years.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: On a point of information; Sir. It has become an accepted policy of the Government to exhaust all answers to questions put by Mr. Ezhuthassan in this session. Because to-day out of 20 questions, 8 questions go to Mr. Ezhuthassan, 5 to Mr. Mathai.

Mr. President: The answering of questions depend upon the priority in which questions come and the speed with which they can be asnwered by the Government. If any hon'ble member puts questions months before the session naturally they will be answered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mnttancheri)* : May I point out Sir, did not the public take many shares in the Cochin Tanneries, seeing that the Government have taken a number of shares.

VILLAGE OFFICERS—SALARIES—RAISING OF

96. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have received a memorial from the Village officers for higher salaries;

(*b*) what action has Government taken in the matter or whether any action is proposed to be taken;

(*c*) is their claim not founded on facts;

(*d*) is it not in the true interests of the people that their (Village Officers') status should be raised?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The matter is under consideration.

97. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ദയവായി മറുപടി നൽകുമോ.—

(എ) വില്ലേജുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ സംഘത്തിൽനിന്നും ഗവൺമെണ്ടിലേക്ക് വല്ല നിവേദനവും ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണ്;

(സി) എന്തു നടപടി ആ വിഷയത്തിലെടുത്തു?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: (എ) ഉണ്ട്.

(ബി) അവരുടെ ശമ്പളം, ഉദ്യോഗകയറ്റം മുതലായവയെപ്പറ്റി.

(സി) പ്രസ്തുത വിഷയം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ പരിഗണനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നു.

PADDY PURCHASE SCHEME—APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE MENONS

98. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of new Village Menons appointed in connection with paddy purchase scheme;

(*b*) will not the existing Village Staff cope with this work besides their normal duties?

Mr. A Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: (*a*) 134.

(*b*) No.

K. A. SAMAJAM BUILDINGS

99. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount already spent by Government for the up-keep of those buildings known as K. A. Samajam buildings at Cheruthuruthi;

(*b*) what is the monthly income to Government by the collection of rent from the occupants of the buildings?

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